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T33C – The CW antennas



9M8PSB – Pulau Satang Besar (OC-165)



V8PMB - Pulau Muara Besar (OC-184)



NEWS

5B - 5B/UA6LCW and 5B/RA6LUX will operate (on 10, 15, 20 and 40 metres CW and SSB) from Mount Trodos (nearly 2000m a.s.l.), Cyprus (AS-004) on 3-5 April. QSL direct (see www.qrz.com).

5H - JE3MAS (ex-5H1HK) is back to Tanzania for one year. He will operate as 5H3HK using 100 watts to a dipole and a vertical antenna. [TNX JA3FYC]

5N - Vlado, ZS6MG will be on a business trip to Nigeria on 20-30 April and will try to be active as 5N0DKV/6 on the HF bands and 6 metres. Operations will depend on a day to day business activities and most likely will be after 16 UTC. [TNX ZS6MG]

6Y - Look for Riccardo, 6Y5/IZ5EBL and Rossella, 6Y5/IZ5BRO to be active from Jamaica (NA-097) until 19 April. They operate on 10-40 metres SSB, CW and PSK31. QSL via home calls. [TNX IZ5EBL]

7Q - 7Q7MM will be the callsign to be used by G4AXX, GU4CHY, G4EDG, G4JVG and M5RIC during their 18 April-1 May operation from Malawi [425DXN 670]. They will be active on 160-10 metres CW, SSB, RTTY, PSK, and possibly on 10 metres FM (subject to demand and propagation). Activity is likely to be limited on 18 and 19 April while the stations and antennas are being built. Plans are to have two high-power stations on the air as close to 24hrs/day as possible; a third station (100W) will be in use during peak hours of propagation. Regularly updated on-line logs will be available at <http://www.malawi.digital-crocus.com>. QSL via QSL via G3LQP either direct (Roger Brown, 262 Fir Tree Road, Epsom KT17 3NL, England) or through the bureau. [TNX G4JVG]

8Q - Pierre, HB9QQ will be active as 8Q7QQ from the Maldives (AS-013) on 13-27 April. He plans to operate on 30, 17 and 12 metres. QSL via home call. [TNX OPDX Bulletin]

8Q - Tadao, JA1WPX will be active as 8Q7WP from the Maldives (AS-013) on 4-9 May. He plans to operate on 10-40 metres SSB, CW and RTTY (if possible also on 80m and PSK31). QSL via home call, either direct (with 1 new IRC or 2 USD) or through the bureau (provided that he gets them in time, as he says that his last batch of cards will be sent to the JARL outgoing bureau in December 2005). [TNX JA1WPX]

9L - Massimo, 9L1MS was unable to reach Sherbro Island (AF-056) on 10 April, but he will try again later in the year. He has also plans to return to Banana (AF-037), but please note that owing to his hectic working schedule, he cannot give any advance information until a few hours before he actually leaves.

A4 - A group of operators is currently active as A43HI from the Al Halaniyat Islands (AS-010). On 15 April they reported they would be there for "another three or four days". QSL via A47RS. [TNX A47RS]

BV - Paul, BV4FH reports that BX2AE, BV2OO and BV2QB will operate as BOOD from Dong Yin Island (AS-113) on 8-14 May. QSL via bureau. [TNX JI6KVR]

CE - A group of operators from Radio Club Arica (namely CA1WJB, CE1BPY, CE1LYF, CE1LXT, CE1POT, CE1RQB, CE1VLY, CE2WUI and XQ1IDM) will be active (on 160-6 metres SSB, CW, RTTY and BPSK31) as 3G1E from the lighthouse Peninsula del Alacran (CHI-061) on 5-6 June. QSL via CE1FA. [TNX XQ1IDM]

CO - Jose, CO3VK will be active as CO3VK/4 from La Juventud (NA-056) until 18 April. He is taking part in the "Festival de la Toronja" and operates (on 20 metres SSB, low power with a wire antenna) in his free time, typically on 20-24 UTC and from 5 UTC until he goes to sleep. QSL via IZ8EBI. [TNX IZ8EBI]

DL - Look for DLOIH to be active from Helgoland Island (EU-127, N-15 for the German Islands Award) and lighthouse (ARLHS FED-102) on 25 April. QSL via operator's instructions. [TNX VA3RJ]

DL - Look for DL8RL, DL8DZL, DF3UFW and DL2DSL to be active from Usedom Island (EU-129, O-13 for the German Islands Award) on 23-30 April. They also plan to operate from Schlossinsel (O-31) and Grosser Wotig (O-35). QSL via bureau. [TNX VA3RJ]

DL - DL1APR, DL1APW, DL1NUF, DL5AOJ, DL6AMA, DL9NDS and DM3BJ will operate on all bands CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK31 from Ummanz Island (EU-057, O-06 for the German Islands Award) on 17-23 May. QSL via home calls. [TNX DL8AAM]

DL - Look for Fred, DL8DXL/p to be active from the following islands and lighthouses in May:

DATE	ISLAND	IOTA	GIA	GLHA	WLH	ARLHS
16-19 May	Baltrum	EU-047	N-06	-	-	-
20-23 May	Neuwerk	EU-127	N-12	038	2311	FED-165
22 May	Scharhoern	EU-127	N-11	-	-	-
24-27 May	Oland	EU-042	N-20	new	0712	FED-174
27-29 May	Langeness	EU-042	N-19	-	-	-
29 May	Langeness	EU-042	N-19	new	1245	FED-134

Fred will be joined by DL/LX9EG/p while on Neuwerk Island. [TNX DL8DXL]

DU - 4F1OZ, 4F1FZ, 4F1EAA, 4F2XX, 4F2KWT and DY1PDO plan to operate (on 10, 15, 20 and 40 metres CW and SSB) from Fuga Island (OC-092) on 24-26 April. [TNX The Daily DX]

EA - Marc, ON5FP and Jose, ON4CJK will operate from Mouro Island (EU-142) on 23-25 July. Their activity will include at least one entry in the IOTA Contest. Callsigns and QSL routes will be announced later. [TNX ON5FP]

EA - Marc, ON5FP and Jose, ON4CJK [425DXN 675] will operate as EA1/ON5FP/P and EA1/ON4CJK/P during their 23-25 July activity from Mouro Island (EU-142), including at least one entry in the IOTA Contest. On 27-29 July they will be active from Gibraltar (ZB2) and from 30 July to 1 August from Ceuta & Melilla (EA9). QSL for all activities via ON4ADN either direct (Geert Decru, St. Laurentiusstraat 18, 8710 Wielsbeke, Belgium) or through the UBA bureau. [TNX ON5FP]

ES - Vello, ES1QD and Oleg, ES1RA expect to operate from Muhu Island (EU-034) on 15-19 April. QSLs via home calls, direct or bureau. [TNX The Daily DX]

EU - Andrei, NP3D will be visiting his parents and friends in Minsk, Belarus on 17-27 April. He will operate as EW1AR on all modes and bands and will participate in the SP DX RTTY Contest SOAB LP. QSL via W3HNK. [TNX NP3D]

F - The last valid operations for the Council of Europe Radio Club Challenge will take place on 5 May (RTTY) and 7-9 May (RTTY, SSB and CW) with the call TP7CE. Rules are available at <http://ewwa.free.fr> [TNX F6FQK]

FG - ARI Salerno members Antonio, IK8SUT and Maurizio, IK8YTN will be FG/ homecall from Guadeloupe on 8-20 April. QSL via home calls, direct or bureau. [TNX IZ8EDJ]

FO_mar - Hiro, JI1JKW and Ari, JI1WTF will operate as FO/JI1JKW and FO/JI1WTF from Hiva-oa (DIFO FO-021), Marquesas Islands (OC-027) from 28 April to 2 May. They plan to be active on 160-6 metres (beacon on 50110 kHz) SSB, CW and RTTY. QSL via home calls, direct or bureau. [TNX JE1LFX]

FO_mar - Hiro, JA0SC will be active from Nuku Hiva, Marquesas Islands (OC-027) on 13-18 April. He will collect his licence upon arrival at Papeete. Plans are to concentrate on the digital modes, especially on SSTV on 10-20 metres. QSL direct only via JA0SC. [TNX The Daily DX]

FP - Look for Paul, FP/K9OT and Peg, FP/KB9LIE to be active from Miquelon (NA-032) from the evening of 2 July until noon (local time) on the 11th. They will operate on 160-6 metres (breakable beacon on 50120 kHz) with 100 watts, with an emphasis on 6, 12 and 17m SSB for Peg and 30-160m CW for Paul. They expect to participate in the IARU HF Championship as two separate entries (CW and SSB). QSL via K9OT,

direct or bureau. Their web page is at <http://www.mhtc.net/~k9ot> [TNX K9OT]

G - Members of the North Wakefield Radio Club (<http://www.g4nok.org>) plan to operate again as GX4NOK/P from the island of Inner Farne (EU-109) over the weekend of 24-25 April. The team activated the island on 17 April, but bad weather conditions prevented them from operating also on the 18th as previously announced. [TNX 2EONJW]

GJ - Johannes, DF5AU will operate (on 160-10 metres CW and SSB, WARC bands excluded) as either MJ/DF5AU (QSL via home call) and GJ3DVC during the CQ-MIR-DX-Contest (QSL via bureau or direct) from Jersey (EU-013) on 8-9 May. [TNX DF5AU]

GM - Members of the West of Scotland ARS and Scottish HAM Portal team will be active on all bands and modes as GB0SHP on 19-25 April to present new Scottish Ham Portal (<http://www.scotham.net>) on the air. QSL bureau or direct to P.O. Box 7469, Glasgow, G42 OYD, Scotland, UK. [TNX MM0DFV]

HS - The Radio Amateur Society of Thailand (RAST) has been granted permission to operate (also on the WARC bands) as HS72B until the end of the year to celebrate Her Majesty the Queen's 72nd birthday. The use of the this licence and this call-sign has to be strictly controlled by RAST, and will not be available for general use. The first event will be an operation from Koh Chang (AS-125), in about a week's time and will be followed by operations from the new club station HSOAC and for use by SEANET Control, and the SEANET convention in November. Details on the QSL route and on the Koh Chang operation will be announced soon. [TNX HS0ZDZ/G3NOM]

HS - Arrangements are being made to use HS72B at the new HSOAC Club Station which is scheduled to start operations on 1 May and by HS0ZDZ for SEANET net control and 40m net control, in addition to the SEANET Convention in November 2004. HS72B [425DXN 675], which was already used from Koh Chang (AS-125) on 12-17 April, is a special callsign issued to the Radio Amateur Society of Thailand to celebrate Her Majesty the Queen's 72nd birthday. The HS72B licence authorizes operations to take place also on the WARC bands. QSL for all HS72B activities until 31 December 2004 via E20NTS. [TNX HS0ZDZ/G3NOM]

I - Special event call II3T will be aired - and a number of ARI Trieste (<http://www.aritrieste.it/>) members will replace their current IV3 prefix with IO3 (India Oscar Three) - from 1 April until 4 November to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the handover of Trieste to Italy. For information on the relevant Award, please contact Luigi Popovic, IV3KAS (iv3kas@iol.it). [TNX IV3LNO]

I - IR7LH/p will be active from the lighthouse at Molo San Nicola (Otranto, ARLHS ITA-264, not WAIL) and/or Punta Crauli (Otranto, ARLHS ITA-265, not WAIL) on 3 April. This activity is also valid for the newly born I.T.A.-Italian Towns Award (<http://www.aripompei.com>) QSL via IK7JWX, bureau or direct. [TNX IK7JWX]

I - Special station IY5PIS will be activated from Coltano (Pisa) from 8 to 18 UTC on 24 April during the International Marconi Day (see "Good To Know"). QSL via IZ5DMC, direct or bureau. Information including pictures on this Marconi site (from where, in 1910, Marconi succeeded in sending the first radio message ever to reach Africa from Europe) can be found at <http://www.gb4imd.co.uk/coltano.htm> [TNX IK5ZTT]

I - Vesuvio DX Team operators IZ8DDG, IZ8DQH, IZ8FAV, IZ8FDH, IW8DON and IZ7ATL will operate (on HF, 6 and 2 metres SSB and CW) as IC8/homecall from Procida Island (EU-031, IIA NA-002) on 24-25 April. QSL via home call. [TNX IZ8DDG]

I - Special call IR0HM will be aired on all bands and modes on 3-7 May and during the Ham Meeting that will take place at Cassino on the 8-9th. QSL via I7YKNN

(Nuccio Meoli, P.O. Box 66, 73010 Porto Cesareo - LE, Italy). [TNX I7YKNN]

I - Andrea, IZ0EHO will operate on SSB and digital modes as IBO/IZ0EHO from Ponza (EU-045, IIA LT-001) on 14-28 June. QSL via home call. [TNX IZ0EHO]

I - Luigi, IV3KAS will participate in the ARI International DX Contest (1-2 May) as II3L (SO SSB). QSL via home call. [TNX IV3KAS]

I - Marco, IZ6ASI and Stefano, IK6VGO will be active from the lighthouse at Senigallia (WAIL MA-004) on 15-16 May. [TNX IZ6ASI]

ISO - Paul, DL6FBK, and Lui, DL6FBR will operate on 10-80 metres (and on 160m, if they can have a suitable antenna) as ISO/homecall from Sardinia on 21-29 April. QSLs via home calls, preferably through the DARC bureau. [TNX DL6FBR]

JA - Look for JA1UNS/1, JI1PLF/1, 7N1GMK/1, 7L4PVR/1, 7N4VPS/1 to operate on 160-10 metres CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK31 from Hachijo Island (AS-043, JI1A-AS-043-003) on 23-26 April. QSL to their home calls direct or via the bureau. [TNX JI6KVR]

JA - Look for JA1KJW/6, JJ1JGI/6 and others to operate SSB and CW from Tsushima (AS-036, JI1A AS-036-022) on 16-18 April. QSL via home calls, direct or bureau. [TNX JI6KVR]

JA - Look for JL2LRO/6 to operate (on 6-15 metres SSB) from Miyako Island (AS-079, JI1A-079-005) on 17-19 April. QSL via home call. [TNX JI6KVR]

JA - Joe, JA4PXE and Kou, JH4WXV expect to be active (on 160-6 metres CW and SSB) as JA4PXE/6 and JH4WXV/6 from Uji Island (AS-067, JI1A-067-009) from about 21 UTC on 28 April until about 15 UTC on 1 May. The operation will depend on weather conditions. QSL via home calls, direct or bureau. [TNX JE2QYZ]

JA - Look for Takeshi, JI3DST/6 to be active from Miyako Island (AS-079) from 29 April to 9 May. [TNX The Daily DX]

JA - Hiroaki, JK1FNN and his wife Mie, 7L1MKM will operate (on 10-40 metres CW, SSB and RTTY) from Ishigaki Island (AS-024) on 2-4 May. QSL via JK1FNN. [TNX The Daily DX]

JD1_oga - Look for Taka, JO2JDJ/JD1 and Hide, JM1LJS/JD1 (JD1BLK) to be active from Ogasawara (AS-031) on 2-5 May. They plan to operate on 40-10 metres SSB and CW. QSL JO2JDJ/JD1 and JM1LJS/JD1 via home calls, QSL JD1BLK via JM1LJS. [TNX JM1LJS, <http://radio-dream.com/jd1blk/e/>]

JT - Baatar, JT1BG will operate as JV45D from 10 April to 10 May to celebrate the 45th Anniversary of the Dornod Radio Club. QSL via home call. Another special event station (JU45D) will be active from Choibalsan, Eastern Mongolia. [TNX The Daily DX]

JT - Three special event calls - namely JU45D and JV45D (from Ulaanbaatar) and JT45D (from Choibalsan, Eastern Mongolia) - will be aired until 15 May to celebrate the 45th anniversary of Dornod Radio Club (JT2KAA), the second amateur radio club in Mongolia. QSL via JT2AN (P.O.Box 94, Dornod, Mongolia). [TNX JT1CD]

JW - Marq, CT1BWW (one of the operators of S05X) plans to operate as JW/CT1BWW from Svalbard on 7-14 June. He may be joined by other operators, and in that case they will have up to three stations active on 160-6 metres CW, SSB, RTTY, PSK31 and SSTV. QSL via CT1BWW. His web pages are at <http://www.ct1bww.4t.com> and <http://www.geocities.com/ok8bww> [TNX CT1BWW]

KH4 - Jeff, KA1GJ (V73GJ) expects to operate as KA1GJ/KH4 from Midway on 23-25 April. If the local club antennas are still up and operational, he will be active on all bands that he can. Otherwise he will use a vertical antenna for 10, 12, 15, 17 and 20 metres. QSL via V73GJ (Jeff Parker, P.O. Box 1050, APO AP 96555, USA). [TNX OPDX Bulletin]

KH6 - AH6NF and AH6RH will operate in their spare time (most likely during their evening and night hours) from the rare Kalawao County, Hawaii on 13-18 April.

Planned frequencies are 7088, 14200, 21250 and 28495 kHz. [TNX QRZ-COM]

KL - Scott, K7ZO will be active as K7ZO/KL7 from Adak Island (NA-039) on 16-20 May. He expects to operate mostly on 20 metres SSB using 100W into a vertical or dipole antennas. QSL via home call. [TNX K7ZO]

KP2 - Look for Ann, W2AZK/KP2 and Brian, KF2HC/KP2 to operate on 160-6 metres SSB and CW from St Croix, Virgin Islands (NA-106) on 5-12 June. QSL via home calls, direct or bureau. Confirmed QSOs with Ann and Brian are good towards the North Jersey DX Association's "NJDXA Award" (see www.njdxawards.org for details). [TNX KF2HC]

LU - LU8ADX/D, LU8DCH, LW8EXF and LS7D (LU7DW) will operate from Martin Garcia Island (SA-055) on 3-5 April. They plan to be active on 160-6 metres SSB, CW, PSK31 and RTTY. QSL via home calls. [TNX LU7DW]

LU - Bahia Blanca DX Group (www.geocities.com/bbdxgroup) members Osmar/LU8DWR, Carlos/LU7DSY, Carlos/LU4ETN, Gabriel/LU8EBJ, Dario/LU4DRH, Walter/LU5DRV, Hugo/LW9EVA, Gabriel/LW9EAG and Emmanuel/LU9ESD were unable to reach Wood Island as previously announced. They will operate as homecall/D on all bands and modes from Bermejo Island (SA-021) on 9-11 April. QSL via LU7DSY (Carlos Almiron, P.O. Box 709, 8000 Bahia Blanca, Argentina). [TNX LU9ESD]

LU - Patrick, WD9EWK plans to "casual operate" as LU/WD9EWK from Ushuaia, Tierra del Fuego (SA-008) for about six days approximately between 17 and 23 April. QSL via WD9EWK, direct or bureau. The web page for the trip can be found at <http://u.wd9ewk.net/> [TNX WD9EWK]

LX - ON4LO, ON6QX and ON6UM will operate as LX/homecall from Luxembourg on 15-17 May. They plan to be active on 160-6 metres SSB, CW, RTTY and FM. QSL via home calls, bureau or direct. [TNX ON6UM]

LZ - Special event station LZ04KM will be active on all bands and modes on 1-31 May to celebrate St. Cyril and Methodius' Day. QSL via bureau or direct to LZ1BFR (P.O. Box 830, 1000 Sofia, Bulgaria). [TNX LZ1BJ]

OE - The annual Austrian Emergency Communications Training test will be run during the All Austrian Contest on 1 May between 5-8 UTC and 14-17 UTC on 80 and 30 metres SSB and CW. State Department (prefix OEC), Red Cross (OEH), Customs (OEN), Police (OEP) and Military (OEY) operators are are licenced to work OE radioamateurs in order to get trained for possible interaction QSOs in case of an emergency/disaster. They are not allowed to contact stations outside Austria, but SWL reports can be sent via the OE QSL bureau. [TNX DL8AAM]

OM - Zsolt, HA6PS and Laci, HA6NL will operate as OM/homecall/p (QSL via home calls) from Ruzsina, Slovakia from 30 April to 3 May. They will participate in the AGCW QRP Contest as OM/HA5RT/P (QSL via HA6NL) and in the ARI International DX Contest (OM/HA6PS/P on digital modes, OM/HA6NL/P as SOAB CW). [TNX HA6NL]

OX - Frank, DL2SWW and Ric, DL2VFR will be leaving Germany on 22 April, with Maniitsoq Island (NA-220) as their final destination for a 12-day operation [425DXN 661]. They have added RTTY (expect activity on 20 metres) to SSB and CW; as for 160 metres, they say that "if there is a chance, we are prepared... But don't expect it!". QSL OX/DL2SWW and OX/DL2VFR via home calls, direct or bureau. The web page for the expedition is at <http://www.iota-expedition.com> [TNX DL2VFR]

PJ - Carlo, I4ALU reports he will be active on 10-40 metres CW from Bonaire (SA-006) on 11-24 August. QSL via home call, either direct (Carlo Amorati, Via

Battistelli 10, 40122 Bologna - BO, Italy) or through the bureau.

PY0_spp - Joaquim, PS7JN (ZW0S) expects to return to St. Peter & St. Paul Rocks sometime in early April. His web page is at <http://www.geocities.com/ps7jn/> [TNX The Daily DX]

SM - Leif, SMOFWW reports he will operate as SMOFWW/6 from Kloeveroen Island (EU-043) until 11 April. QSL via home call.

SM - SM7DAY, SM7NGH and others will operate on most bands CW and SSB from Ven Island (EU-137) on 19-21 April. QSL via home calls, direct or bureau. [TNX SM7NGH]

SP - Special event station SPOEURO will be active on all bands and modes from 28 April to 3 May to celebrate the accession of Poland to the European Union. QSL via SP9PKZ. [TNX SP9GKM]

SV - Mike, GW3UOF will operate as SV8/GW3UOF/P from Kavos, Corfu (EU-052) on 3-17 May. Expect activity on CW, SSB and digital modes. QSL via home call. [TNX GW3UOF]

SV5 - Ermanno, IK2WZD will be active on all bands and modes as SV0XAN/5 from Lipsi (Leipsoi), Dodecanese (EU-001) from 1 May until the end of October. QSL via home call. [TNX IK2WZD]

T30 - Dave, K3LP (one of the T33C team members) expects to operate as T30LP from Tarawa, Western Kiribati on 19-23 April [TNX The Daily DX]

T33 - The "Te Taobe" is expected to leave Tarawa (T30) in the late local afternoon on 2 April and to arrive at Banaba around 6 a.m. local time on Sunday the 4th. Unloading and landing operations will take quite a while, but hopefully the first stations will be ready for T33C to hit the airwaves in the local evening hours. QSL via F5CWU (Flo Moudar, 25 Rue du Castel Salis, 37100 Tours, France). The web site for the operation is at <http://www.dxpedition.de/banaba2004/> [TNX La Gazette du DX]

T8 - Look for T88KJ (JA1KJW), T88JY (JA1JOY), T88MC (JA3MCA), T88PO (JI1FPO) and T88XX (JR1LVB) to be active from the Palau Islands (OC-009) from 29 April to 2 May. They plan to operate on the HF bands CW and SSB. QSL via home calls, direct or bureau. [TNX JI6KVR]

TA - TC89GP is the call expected to be used during a special event operation organized on 23-25 April by the Turkish Radio Amateurs Club (TRAC) and the Turkish Federation of Scouts to commemorate the 89th anniversary of the Battle of Gallipoli. Look for activity on 10-80 metres all modes. QSL via bureau. [TNX TA1DX]

TK - Romek, SQ5RK reports he will participate in the SP DX RTTY Contest on 24-25 April as TK/SQ5RK from Corsica. QSL via home call, bureau or direct.

UA - Alan, UA1PAC and Serge, UA1PAO plan to be active (on 30-10 metres CW and SSB) as RK1PWA/P from Storozhevoy Island (RRA RR-06-30) on 28-30 April. QSL via UA1PAC (Alan V. Kuz'menko, P.O. Box 88, Amderma, Nenets oblast, 166744 Russia). [TNX UA1PAC]

UA - Victor, RV3YR and other operators from the Fifth Ocean Flight Amateur Radio Club (<http://www.qsl.net/5ocean>) will operate (on 10-160 metres SSB, CW and digital modes) special station RP3YGA from Brjansk region on 5-12 May, CQ-M International DX Contest included. QSL direct only to RV3YR (Victor Borodin, P.O. Box 1, Bryansk-27, 241027 Russia). [TNX RV3YR]

UR - UT9FJ, UTOFT, UR5FEL, UX5HY, UR5FEO, UT2FA and UX0FY from Odessa, Ukraine will replace their prefix with EN60 (Echo November Six Zero) from 3 to 17 April. QSL via home calls. [TNX UT9FJ]

V4 - Larry, KJ4UY (V47UY) will operate (SSB with some RTTY, PSK and slow CW) from Nevis on 23-30 April. Look for him on 10-20 metres in the daytime and 160-40 metres at night. He will monitor 6 metres all the time. QSL via home call (US stations direct

only, others either direct or through the bureau). [TNX The Daily DX]

V8 & 9M - The dates for the Borneo IOTA DXpedition by Ian (9M2/G3TMA), Derek (G3KHZ) and Maury (IZ1CRR) [425DXN 670] are 23-27 April from Muara Besar (OC-184, Brunei) and 30 April - 4 May from Satang Besar (OC-165, East Malaysia). They plan to be QRV with two transceivers, beam, vertical and dipole antennas, both SSB and CW. The V8 and 9M8 callsigns will be announced later. QSL via G3KHZ, either direct (Derek Cox, 18 Station Road, Castle Bytham, Grantham, Lincs NG33 4SB, United Kingdom) or through the bureau. The web site for the expedition is at <http://www.425dxn.org/dxped/borneo/>

V8 & 9M - The callsigns to be used by Ian (9M2/G3TMA), Derek (G3KHZ) and Maury (IZ1CRR) during their forthcoming Borneo IOTA DXpedition [425DXN 675] are V8PMB from Pulau Muara Besar (OC-184, 22-27 April) and 9M8PSB from Pulau Satang Besar ((OC-165, 30 April - 4 May). QSL via G3KHZ, direct or bureau.

VK - The VI5BR operation from the Baudin Rocks/Godfrey Islands (OC-228), originally scheduled for September 2003 [425DXN 644], is now expected to take place on 8-12 April (weather permitting) The operators will be Peter/VK3QI, Keith/VK3FT, Jack/VK3WWW and Tony/VK3TZ. They plan to be QRV on the usual IOTA frequencies (SSB and CW) and to emphasize 30 and 40 metres (CW), 20, 17 and 15 metres (SSB) and long path openings for Europe around 5-8 UTC. This IOTA group was activated for the first and so far only time by VK4CAY/5 (G3ZAY) back in April 1999. QSL via VK3QI either direct (Peter Forbes, 53 Summerhill Rd, Glen Iris, Victoria 3146, Australia) or through the VK3 QSL bureau. [TNX VK3QI]

VK - Wally/VK6YS, Dan/VK8AN, Bruce/KD6WW and Ron/VK8NRI are still on track for Viney Island, Bonaparte Archipelago (OC-???) from 23/24 April for 4-5 days and also for Long Island (OC-071) from 27/28 April to 2 May [425DXN 670]. They will be signing VK6AN from Viney and VK6LI from Long Island. Owing to the limited availability of transport, they will have two transceivers and vertical antennas, with the possibility of a tribander for 10, 15 and 20m. Plans are to operate CW, SSB and PSK31 and to work "very hard at making as many NA and EU operators as happy as we can". QSL for both operations direct to VK4AAR (Alan Roocroft, P.O. Box 421, Gatton, QLD 4343, Australia). [TNX VK6YS]

VK - Bill, VK4FW expects to operate as VK4FW/P from Cumberland Island (OC-160) for three days starting around 4 May. [TNX K4WLS]

VP8 - The Daily DX reports that Mike, GMOHCQ (currently active as VP8CMH/MM from the "James Clark Ross") might operate as VP8SIG from Signy Base, South Orkneys between 10 and 12 April and as VP8SGK from Bird Island station (South Georgia) between 14 and 19 April.

VP8_sg - Mike, GMOHCQ (VP8CMH/MM from the RRS "James Clark Ross") expects to be able to operate as VP8SGK from South Georgia "at some stage" between 15 and 19 April. Operating times will most likely be from 20.00 UTC to 00.00 UTC, initially on 14018 kHz. If he can get ashore earlier in the day then he may well try to work on 10 or 12 metres. On 19 April the ship will depart South Georgia for the Falkland Islands, arriving on the 23rd. This will be the final call into the Falklands before the ship heads back to the UK. VP8CMH/MM will then be QRT until the next Antarctic summer. QSL via GMOHCQ, either direct (Mike Gloistein, 27 Stormont Way, Scone, Perthshire PH2 6SP, Scotland) or through the RSGB bureau. [TNX <http://www.gmohcq.com/>]

VE - Fred, K2FRD has announced that his second mini-DXpedition to Labrador (Zone 2) will run from 1

June through 7 September. He will be active again as VO2/K2FRD; further information can be found at <http://homepage.mac.com/k2frd/Labrador2004.htm> [TNX K2FRD]

W - W1AW (the Hiram Percy Maxim Memorial station at ARRL Headquarters) will be signing W1AW/90 from 3 April through 31 December to reflect the 90th anniversary of the League's founding. Guest operators will be encouraged to use as many modes as possible. Special QSLs will be available direct; all contacts with W1AW/90 will also be uploaded to Logbook of The World.

W - Mark, KB2MS/p will operate from Block Island (NA-031) on 12-13 April. QSL direct. [TNX The Daily DX]

W - WA6LUT and KONW have had to cancel their 30 April-2 May operation from St. Georges Reef (NA-184) [425DXN 671] because "coordination with the lighthouse administration is very difficult". They may try again next year. [TNX KONW]

W - Rob, N3RW will operate from Anacapa Island (NA-144) in July. He will arrive on the island at about 16 UTC on 14 July and will leave at about 23 UTC on the 16th. Main operations will be on 15 and 20 metres SSB; he will also use 17m and 30m as conditions allow. Rob will be joined by Jack, KG6RWI for this activity. QSL via home call.

YB - Stan, YB0AJR (OK1JR) will operate as YB0AJR/4 from Bangka Island (OC-144) on 9-12 April. Look for him on SSB (7055, 21260, 28560 kHz) and CW (7025, 21040, 28040 kHz). Stan expects some activity during the Japan International DX CW Contest. QSL via OK1JN. [TNX YB0AJR]

YI - Laith Adhary, YI3SRA is currently active on 10, 15, 20, 40 and 80 metres (plus 2 and 6 metres) SSB, CW and RTTY. QSL via IZ8EDJ (Oreste D'Anzilio, P.O. Box 49, 84091, Battipaglia - SA, Italy). [TNX IZ8EDJ]

ZK1_sc - Harald, LA5UF will operate as ZK1UFF from Rarotonga (OC-013), South Cooks on 11-16 April. QSL via home call. [TNX QRZ-DX]

ZL - The Wairarapa Branch (Branch 46) of NZART will be operating the special callsign ZM6CL until the end of May to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the main Wairarapa town of Masterton. Tony, ZL2AGY and other club members will operate the call over the period from their home stations. QSL via bureau. [TNX ZL2AGY]

ZL7 - ZL7II is the callsign issued to Franz, ZL2III and Dom, DL5EBE for their 7-14 April activity from Chatham Island [425DXN 673]. QSL via DL5EBE. [TNX ZL2III]

ZS - The Adventure Radio Club of Cape Town, South Africa (<http://www.qsl.net/zs1arc>) will operate special event station ZS3BLUE on 23-27 April from Verneukpan, the land speed record attempt site of Sir Malcolm Campbell, 75 years ago. They expect to be active on 160, 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 metres SSB and on 20 metres SSTV (RTTY on request). Look for them on 1840 kHz at 17.30 UTC on 24 April and at 3.00 UTC on the 25th. QSL to P.O. Box 180, Milnerton 7435, South Africa. [TNX ZS1ZL]

PACIFIC TRIP ---> Gerard, ON4AXU (ex PA3AXU) reports he will be active from French Polynesia, the Marquesas and the Austral Islands in May-June as follows:

QSL via home call (Gerard Dijkers, Hobosstraat 28, B-

Dates	Island	IOTA	DXCC	Call
15-16 May	Tahiti	OC-067	French Polynesia	FO/ON4AXU
17-23 May	Tubuai	OC-152	Austral	FO/ON4AXU/A
26-27 May	Moorea	OC-046	French Polynesia	FO/ON4AXU
28-29 May	Huahine	OC-067	French Polynesia	FO/ON4AXU
30-31 May	Raiatea	OC-067	French Polynesia	FO/ON4AXU
3-13 June	Hiva Oa	OC-027	Marquesas	FO/ON4AXU/M
14-15 June	Tahiti	OC-067	French Polynesia	FO/ON4AXU

3900 Overpelt, Belgium). The web page for the trip is at <http://www.qsl.net/on4axu/on4axu1/2004.htm>

Good to know

@ & CW ---> Effective 3 May, an A and C run together (._._.) will become the official Morse character for the @ symbol (the so-called "commat", a shortened version of "commercial at").

425DXN - PORTUGUESE VERSION ---> Welcome back to Paulo Pinto, CT1ETE who, after a long hiatus due to his business commitments, has resumed his contribution to 425 DX News as translator into Portuguese language.

ALBANIA DX CONVENTION ---> "Meet your ZA contact and help new ZA amateurs get operational. Share your views with them and enjoy amateur radio at its best. Operate ZA and be part of a great fun weekend in this sunny Balkan country": the first Albania DX Convention will be held in Tirana on 19-20 June. Details will be available at www.za1a.com or from either Geni Mema, ZA1B (Albanian Amateur Radio Association's Foreign Liaison, genimema@atnet.com.al) and Martti Laine, OH2BH (oh2bh@sral.fi).

AMATEUR RADIO ON TELETEXT ---> The new page number for the DX and Contest information featured by RTV Slovenija [425DXN 671] is 726. RTV Slovenija can be found on Eutelsat Hot Bird (12.303 GHz, Pol. V, SR 2750, FEC 3/4).

ANTARCTIC BASES ---> WABA Directory 2003 is the official source of information for the IOTA Programme on Antarctic Base stations. It acts as an extension of the IOTA Directory, providing the IOTA reference number as well as a wealth of detailed historical information on each base. The Directory is downloadable from the 425 DX News website at <http://www.425dxn.org> [TNX G3KMA]

ARI DX CONTEST ---> The A.R.I. International DX Contest, sponsored by the Italian amateur radio IARU Society, is open to either licenced amateurs and SWLs. This year's event will take place from 20 UTC on 1 May to 19.59 UTC on the 2nd. Full rules and information, including a brand new software downloadable for free, are available at http://www.qsl.net/contest_ari

BARTG AWARDS ---> With immediate effect, Phil Cooper (GUOSUP) is the new Awards Manager for the British Amateur Radio Teledata Group (BARTG). Further details on the BARTG awards, which include the well-known QCA (Quarter Century Award) plus the various Continental awards, can be found at www.bartg.demon.co.uk [TNX GUOSUP]

CIA ---> Kresimir Juratovic, 9A7K reports that the Croatian Islands Award is now available also to activators. For further information please visit <http://www.qsl.net/9a7k>

CIS DX SSB CONTEST ---> The Scottish-Russian ARS (srars@srars.org) sponsors the CIS DX SSB Contest, which will be held from 19 UTC on 10 April to 19 UTC on the 11th. The objective of the contest is to establish as many SSB contacts as possible between radio amateurs around the world and radio amateurs in the Commonwealth of Independent States. Rules can be downloaded at <http://www.srars.org/cisdxs.doc>

DLI ---> The Italian Lakes Award (DLI - Diploma dei Laghi Italiani), sponsored by ARI Ivrea, is available to either licensed amateurs and SWLs. The certificate is

free of charge and participation is managed exclusively on-line. For further information please visit http://www.ari-ivrea.it/html/regol_en.htm or e-mail the Award Manager, Bruno Giacometti (I1ABT), at i1abt@ari-r1.it

DX CLUSTER WEB INTERFACE ---> The DX cluster of the Araucaria DX Group can be reached at <http://www.baependi.com.br/dxcluster> [TNX PY3NZ]

DXCC NEWS ---> The 23 February-10 March 2004 XZ1DA and XZ6ST operations from Myanmar have been approved for DXCC credit.

DXCC NEWS ---> YI9MD (operation effective 17 February 2004) has been approved for DXCC credit.

HOLYLAND CONTEST ---> This year's Holyland Contest will be held from 00.00 UTC through 23.59 UTC on 17 April. Further information can be found on the Israel Amateur Radio Club's website at <http://www.iarc.org> [TNX 4Z4KX]

DXCC NEWS ---> The recent C56JJ operation by Jan, PA4JJ (formerly known as PA9JJ) has been approved for DXCC credit.

EI5DI CONTEST LOGGERS ---> Paul, EI5DI advises that all his contest loggers are now freeware and can be downloaded at www.ei5di.com (please sign-up to the SD-User mailing list to receive setup information for upcoming contests, and to give Paul feedback and suggestions). They are SD and SDV (many HF and VHF contests respectively), SDI (IOTA Contest), SDX (DXpeditions & Special Events), SDC (Commonwealth Contest) and SDU (UBA Contest). The Windows programs run in text-mode, on any PC and all versions of Windows; Paul is replacing the remaining DOS programs with Windows text-mode versions.

EP3PTT ---> The Daily DX reports that Lada, OK1LO was able to guest operate from the club station EP3PTT on 21 April. He was active on 15 metres CW from 9.30 to 16.30 UTC. QSL for this operation via OK1LO.

EURADIO ---> The European Union Radio Amateur Celebration is an event sponsored by the Irish Radio Transmitters Society (IRTS) on 1 and 2 May to celebrate the accession of ten new states to the European Union [425DXN 671]. Details of the award available for working the special event stations (EI25CY, EI25ES, EI25HA, EI25LY, EI25ML, EI25OK, EI25OM, EI25SL, EI25SP, EI25YL plus the IRTS HQ station EI25EU) are available on the IRTS website (www.irts.ie) or from Paul EI2CA (paul@lotm.ie). [TNX EI4GK]

EUROPE DAY 2004 AWARD ---> Sponsored by the Polish MK QTC Magazine and PZK Zwiiazek Krotkofalowcow, this award is available to either licenced amateurs and SWLs for contacts made with stations located in the European Union member states between 00.00 and 23.59 UTC on 9 May 2004. For further information please e-mail Sylwester Jarkiewicz, SP2FAP (qtc@post.pl) [TNX SP2FAP]

INTERNATIONAL MARCONI DAY ---> Organised by the Cornish Radio Amateur Club, G4CRC/GB4IMD (<http://www.cornishradioamateurclub.org.uk>) the International Marconi Day (IMD) is a 24-hour amateur

radio event held annually to celebrate the birth of Guglielmo Marconi (25 April 1874). It is not a contest, but an opportunity for amateurs around the world to make contacts with historic Marconi sites using HF communications techniques. Details, including information on the relevant Award Certificates and the listing of participating station in this year's event (to be held on 24 April), can be found at <http://www.gb4imd.co.uk/index.htm>

IOTA DIRECTORY ---> The 40th Anniversary Edition of the IOTA Directory will be published around 19 April and will be available from RSGB HQ shortly afterwards (see www.rsgb.org/shop/ or telephone Sales at +44 (0)1707 659015). Larger than ever with 136 pages, this anniversary edition features an historical review, much of which has never previously been published as well as Geoff Watts' original IOTA list of 1964, fascinating for what it includes as well as for what it omits. It includes all you have come to expect of the Directory - the latest IOTA island listings, DXpedition stories, the Most Wanted List, and articles on how to get started in IOTA. Readers, who have been active on the bands for several years and want help in identifying operations that count, will find the listing of operations accepted for credit quite invaluable. This list was first introduced in the 2002 Directory and is now updated and expanded to cover the 650 rarest IOTA groups. Using it could save you hours in preparing your application. And for the first time the Directory includes the current year's Honour Roll and other performance listings. [TNX G3KMA]

NEW BOOK ---> Ward Silver, NOAX is the author of "Ham Radio for Dummies" (ISBN 0-7645-5987-7), written for new licencees who have the "What do I do now?" feeling after passing the exam and for prospective hams to understand what amateur radio has to offer and how to participate. Ward's goal in writing this 384-page book packed with explanations, tables, graphics, photos and links to on-line resources was "to produce the book I wish I'd had when I was just starting out - a Desktop Elmer, so to speak". If you're interested, just enter the title into a Web search engine and find your favourite bookseller.

NEW IOTA CERTIFICATES ---> The new Directory announces the addition of three new certificates to the programme's current range, for contacting 800, 900 and 1000 IOTA groups. These will be of the same design as other certificates in the 100 series. The 1000 Islands certificate will be sent free of charge to each member reaching that level whether or not the 1000 Islands Trophy is requested. The 800 and 900 Islands certificates will be charged for on the same basis as other certificates. To ensure fairness of treatment in the issue of low number 800 and 900 Islands certificates, a period of several weeks will be allowed for members to apply through their checkpoints. At the end of that period the certificates will be issued, numbered in the order of the applicant's score on the central IOTA database. So, if you qualify and are interested, please apply before 1 August 2004 via your checkpoint. Certificates will be despatched in September. [TNX G3KMA]

NOT THE MANAGER ---> Maurice, F5NQL is receiving QSL cards for the recent 5V7C operation from Togo. Please note that the correct QSL route is and has always been via F5TVG (Franck Savoldi, P.O. Box 92, 94223 Charenton Cedex, France).

QRS WEEK PARTY ---> To encourage newcomers to Morse code operating, under the sponsoring of the EUCW Society, the FISTS invites all licenced amateurs to participate in the annual QRS Week Party, which will take place from 25 April to 1 May. The complete

rules are available at <http://www.asel.demon.co.uk/fists-hq/keynote/kn.pdf> [TNX F5NQL]

QSL 3B9FR ---> The DXCC Branch recently received a letter from Robert Felicite, 3B9FR indicating that he has not sent any logs to F6FNU since 1999. The DXCC Branch will no longer issue 3B9FR credit for F6FNU-confirmed contacts made after 1999. Requests for QSL cards for 3B9FR should be sent direct to: Robert Felicite, P.O. Box 31, Citronelle, Rodriguez Island, Republic of Mauritius, Indian Ocean. [TNX Bill Moore, NC1L]

QSL 9U5M ---> Cards have arrived from the printer and Dennis, PA7FM is currently processing direct requests. "Still quite some direct requests arrive with unsufficient return postage or even without SAE", Dennis reports. These will be replied to via the bureau.

QSL ATOBI ---> The QSL route for the recent IOTA operation from Elephanta Island (AS-169) is: P.O. Box 6073, Bangalore 560060, India. Arasu, VU2UR advises that all envelopes be sealed properly and sellotaped on the gummed joints to prevent tampering. [TNX VU2UR & G3KMA]

QSL DL CLUB STATIONS ---> The DARC QSL Bureau does not forward any cards for German club station callsigns (DAO, DLO, DFO...). The QSLs are forwarded to the club station's responsible operator holding that club callsign. [TNX DL2VFR]

QSL F9IE ---> Bernard, F9IE will be moving from Linas to Noirmoutier (EU-064) at the end of July. Direct QSL cards should be sent to: Bernard Chereau, B.P. 211, 85330 Noirmoutier en l'Île, France. [TNX The Golist]

QSL FJ5IF ---> F5TJP is still awaiting the cards for FJ5IF to arrive from the printers. Please be patient and refrain from sending second requests. [TNX DK7LX]

QSL FM/T93M ---> Please note that the QSL manager for Danny's recent operation is DJ2MX (Mario Lovric, Kampenwandstrasse 13, D-81671 Muenchen, Germany). Cards sent to Danny's address is Sarajevo will be forwarded to Mario, but expect some delay in processing these requests. [TNX T93Y]

QSL GX4NOK/P ---> All of the QSOs made by the North Wakefield Radio Club on their 17-18 April GX4NOK/P operation from Inner Farne (EU-109) [425DXN 657] will be confirmed via the bureau within one month. Direct cards should be sent to 2E0NJB (Nigel Wears, 25 Topcliffe Mews, Morley, Leeds, LS27 8UL, England). The web page for the operation is at <http://myweb.tiscali.co.uk/g4nok/iota.htm>

QSL IQ8PD ---> Members of ARI Pomigliano d'Arco participated in the CQ WPX SSB Contest using their club callsign. QSL via bureau or direct to ARI - Sezione di Pomigliano D'Arco, Viale Impero 1, 80038 Pomigliano D'Arco - NA, Italy. [TNX IK8VRN]

QSL IQ9MY ---> This club call was used on 21-23 April from the lighthouse at Capo Milazzo (WAIL SI-033). QSL via IT9FCC. [TNX IT9FCC]

QSL KH6/IOTWA ---> Cards will be ready in 40 days at the earliest. Requests should be sent to I0MWI (direct or bureau). [TNX I0MWI]

QSL T33C ---> The team arrived safely back on Tarawa on 17 April after a successful eleven day operation (75,000 QSOs) from Banaba Island. Direct QSL requests should go to F5CWU. As for bureau cards, the team encourages such requests to be

submitted by the O(nline) Q(sl) R (equest) system. QQRS information is available on the expedition web site (www.dx-pedition.de/banaba2004).

QSL T49C ---> Please note that Al Bailey, K8SIX is the QSL manager for T49C only for contacts made in 2004. Cards for QSOs made in 1997 should go to SM5KCO. [TNX K8SIX]

QSL VIA DL7AFS ---> Babs, DL7AFS (Babs Linge, Eichwaldstrasse 86, 34123 Kassel, Germany) is the QSL manager for the following calls (most of logs are available at www.qsl.net/dl7afs):

Call	Year	Call	Year	Call	Year
5X1DC	2003	H40T	2002	VK5APZ	1998
9A/DJ7ZG	2003	H44LB	2002	VK5AOA	1998
9A/DL7AFS	2003	H44ZG	2002	VK6LB	2001-now
9Y4/DJ7ZG	2003	HI9/DJ7ZG	2001	VK6ZG	2001-now
9Y4/DL7AFS	2003	HI9/DL7AFS	2001	VK9LB	2004
A35YL	2000	S79FAG	1999	VK9LL	2004
A35ZG	2000	S79YL	1999	VK9NB	2004
C50YL	1996	S79ZG	1999	VK9NG	2004
C53HP	1996	SP1/DJ7ZG	2003	YJ0AYL	2000
C98DC	2002	SP1/DL7AFS	2003	YJ0AZG	2000
C98DC	2001	V51/DJ7ZG	1991	Z2/DJ7ZG	1995
EA6/DJ7ZG	2000	V51/DL7AFS	1991	Z2/DL7AFS	1995
EA6/DL7AFS	2000	VK5AFS	1994	Z38Z	2003
EA9/DJ7ZG	2001	VK5AIO	1996	ZB2/DJ7ZG	2001
EA9/DL7AFS	2001	VK5AIP	1996	ZB2/DL7AFS	2001

QSL VIA EA4BQ ---> The QSL route for ED8EW (CQ WPX SSB), 8R1RPN and 8R1K is via EA4BQ (aka OH0XX), whose current address is: Olli Rissanen, Calle Ciguela 331, 28729 Venturada, Madrid, Spain. [TNX EA4BQ]

QSL VIA K4BAI ---> John, K4BAI has answered QSL cards for the late Bill Fisher, W4AN (KM9P and K4AAA) for years, and will continue doing so to the extent that he has the logs. Those who want one of Bill's cards are invited to contact John (k4bai@worldnet.att.net) and check whether he can confirm the QSO(s). [TNX The Daily DX]

QSL VIA OH3RB ---> Kari, OH3RB reports that the VP5X (CQ WW DX CW 2003), VP5/KY1V and VP5/OH3RB cards are ready and direct requests are being processed right now. Some delay might occur with VP5/KY1V cards as he has not received all logs yet.

QSL VIA PA0RRS ---> Richard reports that the QSL cards for his recent 9M6/PA0RRS and 9M2/PA0RRS activities are expected from the printer in a couple of weeks' time.

QSL VIA PA0RRS ---> Richard, PA0RRS says he expects to receive the cards for his recent 9M6 and 9M2 operations around mid May.

QSL VIA UR5VHB ---> Vlad, UX2VZ says that the Ukrainian incoming QSL bureau is receiving cards marked "via UR5VHB" (for 3B8AS, 3B8FQ, 3B8GL, 3B8FG, 3B8BD and UN9FQ) that they are unable to forward. Please note that back in November 2001 Andy, UR5VHB reported he had the logs for 3B8FQ,

3B8FG, 3B8GL and 3B8DB [425DXN 549], but cards had to be sent direct only.

QSL Z21KF ---> Graham, M5AAV (<http://www.users.zetnet.co.uk/m5aaav/qsl.htm>) reports he now handles all cards for Z21KF. No cards should be sent to Zimbabwe for Maurice due to "postal problems".

TJ3MC ---> Jack's (F6BUM) web site at <http://www.f6bum.fr.st> has been updated with the QRG information about his activity from Cameroon, which will include a two-day operation from an IOTA new one [425DXN 672]. Jack reports that QSL cards should be sent direct to him (see www.qrz.com) or to the URC (Union des Radio-Clubs) QSL bureau (P.O. Box 25, 32800 Eauze, France), as he is not a REF member.

VISALIA 2004 ---> The 2004 International DX Convention (23-25 April) programme schedule is now available at <http://www.scdxc.org/visalia> [TNX N6DHZ]

WAIL ---> For information on the Worked All Italian Lighthouses Award please visit <http://www.425dxn.org/awards/wail/> or <http://www.ari.it/wail.html>, or contact the Award Manager Paolo Garavaglia, IK1NLZ.

WELCOME IN EUROPE ---> ARI Roma sponsors the "Welcome in Europe Contest" to celebrate the accession of ten new countries to the European Union. The contest will be held from 00.00 UTC on 1 May to 24 UTC on the 2nd. Rules are available at <http://web.fiscali.it/ariroma/contest/wieng.html> [TNX IK0WRB]

Z2 QSL BUREAU ---> The Daily DX reports that on 5 April the Zimbabwe Amateur Radio Society voted to close the local QSL Bureau. Outgoing Z2 cards that are presently on file in Zimbabwe will be returned to the local Z2 operators.

+ SILENT KEY + IARUMS (<http://iarums.com/>) Region 1 and all its members mourn the loss of Ron Roden, G4GKO, who passed away on 28 March. Ron was the IARU Region 1 Monitoring System Coordinator for 12 years (1990-2002).

+ SILENT KEYS + The DX and Contest community mourns the loss of Janez "Ivan" Hren (S51ZY), George Graikos (SV1NA), Milton "Uncle Milt" Haines (W5QCB), Joseph Blahunka (W9RCJ), John Sklepikowyc (VE3IPR, the last editor of the Canadian DX newsletter "Long Skip") and Bill Fisher, W4AN (unexpectedly passed away at only 42 years of age, Bill - aka KM9P and K4AAA - was well known in the Internet amateur radio circles as his server supports the contesting reflectors and other services). [TNX QRZ-DX, S51RU, The Daily DX and XE1L]

News from the WEB

EU-133: An enjoyable article (and nice pictures) about the "Baltic Odyssey" to three EU-133 islands (namely Severnyj Virgin, Malyj Tyuters and Bolshoy Tyuters), activated in July 2003 by RL3AA, RN3AZ, UA3DX and RA3AUM, can be found at http://www.hamradio.ru/rrc/ARTICLES/ri1ca_e.htm

LOGS: On-line log for JY9QJ has been updated including QSOs up to 17 April 2004 at 09.27 UTC. You can check on the status of your QSOs with JY8YB, JY9QJ and JY8B at <http://www.qsl.net/dl5mby> [TNX DL5MBY]

LOGS: Logs for II0RAI/6 and 9A/I6GFX (Lastovo and Mrcara Islands, plus Struga Lighthouse) are available at <http://www.gianfrancogervasi.it/search.html> [TNX I6GFX]

QSL GALLERIES: A collection of nearly 1900 QSL cards is available on Les Nouvelle DX's web site. Six different galleries include cards for each of the 58 deleted DXCC entities, obsolete prefixes, Antarctic bases & TAAF (Terres Australes and Antarctiques Francaises), pre-1945 countries and French Departments. Several cards are still needed and your participation is welcome - please visit <http://LesNouvellesDX.free.fr> and send your comments to LesNouvellesDX@free.fr [TNX F6AJA]

YV ISLANDS: Beautiful pictures of operations from several Venezuelan islands can be found on the web site of Ray Radloff, DL2GG/YV5 (http://hfdx.com/frames_en.html). They include 4M1X (SA-089), YV30T (SA-044), YW1T (SA-066), YW5FC (SA-058), YW5LB (SA-037), YW5LF (SA-059), YW5M (SA-015), YW7C (SA-012), YW8D (SA-063) as well as YVOAA and YX0AI (Aves Island, NA-021). [TNX YV5ENI]



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3D2AY	YZ7AA	FM/T93M	DJ2MX	T30CA	K6SRZ
3D2DC	K5KV	FM5FJ	KU9C	T30LP	K5KV
3D2DM	GM4FDM	FO/JAOSC	JAOSC	T30MR	IK1PMR
3D2FM	F5CWU	FP5BZ	F5TPJ	T30ND	K6ND
3D2OA	DL5OAB	GB0MPA	GW0ANA	T30PA	PA2R
3D2WP	PA3EWP	GX6UT	G6UT	T30RR	PA3EWP
3Z6V	SP6DVP	HB75A	HB9A	T30S	YZ7AA
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4N600A	4N1A	HI3CCP	AD4Z	T33C	F5CWU
4S7VK	DJ9ZB	HK0GU	DL7VOG	T33CA	K6SRZ
5B/RA6LUX	qrz.com	HNOZ	SM1TDE	T33I	YT1AD
5B/UA6LCW	qrz.com	HR2RCH/3	HR2AHC	T33IC	DF2IC
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8R1K	EA4BQ	IO3EAD	IV3EAD	TJ3MC	F6BUM
8R1RPN	EA4BQ	IO3GTO	IV3GTO	TM6ILE	F5SGI
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9A80ABD	9A4A	IO3IBZ	IV3IBZ	T07HAM	FM5AN
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9M6A	N2OO	IO3MIE	IV3MIE	UN3F	EA5KB
9M6AAC	N2OO	IO3MPW	IV3MPW	UP9L	RW6HS
9N7PR	W4PRO	IO3OQR	IV3OQR	V26CW	KM9M
9V1DX	VK4AAR	IO3TPW	IV3TPW	V26DX	KU9C
9V1GO	OK1DOT	IO3TRK	IV3TRK	V26JAT	K6JAT
A52PRO	W4PRO	IO3YAO	IV3YAO	V31JP	KA9WON
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CN2R	W7EJ	KH8/DF2SS	DL2MDZ	VP2EYC	DJ6YC
CO8DRG	DK1WI	KH8/DL1VKE	DL2MDZ	VP8DGA	G0WJN
CO8KA	DL4ALI	LO2F	AC7DX	VP8DIJ	G6ZRL
CO8ZZ	DK1WI	LS7D	LU7DW	VP8DIJ	G6ZRL
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CS6T	CT1ILT	LU5DRV/D	LU7DSY	VY1JA	N3SL
CT3AS	DJ8FW	LU5FII	WD9EWK	XT2PT	N5DRV
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CWOB	CX5BW	LU8DWR/D	LU7DSY	XV3PWP	JO3PWP
D2PFN	KK5DO	LU8EBJ/D	LU7DSY	XX9TVR	VR2KW
D4B	K1BV	LU9ESD/D	LU7DSY	YAOJ	JG1OWV
DA0WPX	DL1EK	LW9DA	AC7DX	YA7X	DL1JJI
DU9/NONM	W4DR	LW9EAG/D	LU7DSY	YA8G	LA4YW
ED1SDB	EA1DJV	LW9EVA/D	LU7DSY	YB0AJR/4	OK1JR
ED1SSV	EA1URV	LX5A	LX1RQ	YB0ARA/9	N2AU
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ED3TCT	EA3EVR	LY4A	LY2FY	YI1DZ	WA4JTK
ED4MAJ	EA4HV	LY7A	LY2ZO	YI1UNH	WA3HUP
ED4REG	EA4EGA	LY9Y	LY2CY	YI3SRA	IZ8EDJ
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ED5TEF	EA5ELT	MM0MW	MM0EAX	YK1BA	N5FF
ED6CDB	EA6ZX	MSODGR/p	MMODFV	YK2A	pirate
ED6FAG	EA6ZX	MU2Z	M5RIC	YK2MM	pirate
ED6PMT	EA6SB	MU5RIC/P	M5RIC	YS1EJ	W4GJ
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EN60FHY	UX5HY	R1ANF/VP8	RK1PWA	ZP1C	W3HNK
EN60FJ	UT9FJ	RK3DZD/P	RD3DT	ZP389E	ZP9EE
EN60FT	UTOFT	RM0A	UA0ANW	ZS10RSA	KK3S
EN60FY	UX0FY	S07V	DK2WV	ZS8MI	ZS6M
EN60ZON	UR4ZXK	SN4EU	SP2OCU	ZS9F	KK3S
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